

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

July 17, 1996

Mr. Leon R. Eliason Chief Nuclear Officer and President - Nuclear Business Unit Public Service Electric and Gas Company Post Office Box 236 Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey 08038

SUBJECT:

PSE&G REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

(PSE&G TRACKING NO. LR-N96135) CONCERNING MAY 23, 1994, PSE&G

LETTER TO THE NRC (PSE&G TRACKING NO. NLR-N94-091)

Dear Mr. Eliason:

By your application and affidavit dated May 13, 1996, executed by Louis F. Storz, you submitted the attachment to the May 23, 1994, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and requested that the bracketed information be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

You stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (2) The information contains commercial and financial information which is privileged and confidential.
- (4) The information contains personnel information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and also in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, the redacted version will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the

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appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

John F. Stolz, Director Project Directorate I-2 Division of Reactor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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